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EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
GROUP 2625  
PATENT APPLICATION

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of

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For: IMAGE PROCESSING METHOD AND SYSTEM, AND STORAGE MEDIUM

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 17, 2004, please consider the remarks as submitted herewith on the accompanying pages.

**REMARKS**

**A. Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 102**

Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 9, 10, 11 and 13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Kano et al (US 5,359,513, hereinafter "Kano").

Applicant traverses this rejection with respect to independent claim 1, which requires: "... said image processing carried out on said interimage-difference image is image processing by which the substantial difference between said two images represented therein is enhanced

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